

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application.

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2007.

Claims 21-26, and 28-36 are pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner . In this Amendment, claims 21, 28, and 33 have been amended. Claims 1-20 and 27 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 27 and 28 is noted with appreciation.

Applicant has amended claim 21 with the limitations of previously allowable claim 27, and has cancelled claim 27. Applicant submits that claims 21-26, and 28-36 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claim 33 is objected to because it is dependent upon a cancelled claim.

Applicants have made the appropriate correction.

Applicants, accordingly, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 33.

35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 21, 23, 25, 26 and 29-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pakulis, (U.S PatentNo.: 4,767,981, hereinafter "Pakulis"). The Examiner has rejected claims 22 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pakulis in view of Merkel, et al., (U.S Patent Publication No.: 2003/0024315, hereinafter "Merkel") and claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pakulis in view of Williamson (U.S PatentNo.: 6,849,852, hereinafter "Williamson").

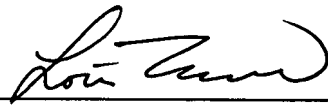
Applicants, accordingly, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 based on the amended claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Louis Tran at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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